

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Change page 4, lines 16-23, as follows:

Fig. 8 is a drawing for explaining the state wherein the buffer is attached to the panel; and

Fig. 9 is a drawing showing a process of adjusting a projecting length of the damper main member of the buffer according to the embodiment of the invention; ~~and~~

~~Fig. 10 is a drawing showing the process of adjusting the projecting length of the damper main member of the buffer according to the embodiment of the invention.~~

Change page 11, line 27 to page 12, line 8, as follows:

After the hood is opened, the collar 41 is rotated relative to the damper main member 31. After the collar 41 abuts against the flange 13 (grommet 11) ~~as shown in Fig. 10~~, the collar 41 is further rotated. At this time, the engaging member 21 does not move upwardly as the elastic engaging pieces 15A or 15B engage the engaging step portions 23. Accordingly, the damper main member 31 projects a specific length, i.e. a predetermined projecting length. For example, ~~as shown in Fig. 10~~, the damper main member 31 projects (moves) until the elastic engaging claws 24 abut against the step portions (stoppers) 36d at the lower ends of the long grooves 36, so that it is possible to adjust the projecting length of the damper main member 31.

Change page 12, lines 15-21, as follows:

Incidentally, when the projecting length of the damper main member 31 is adjusted, the engaging projections 37 pass through the engaging holes 27, and move to the upper side of the flange 13 ~~as shown in Fig. 10~~. The projecting length of the damper main member 31 can not be made longer than the predetermined projecting length ~~shown in Fig. 10~~. The projecting length of the damper main member

31 can be made shorter than the predetermined projecting length
~~shown in Fig. 10.~~